GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION/EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS FROM KARNATAKA
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the potential of the production and export of handicrafts from Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the possibility explored and the outcome thereof during last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): Various steps have been taken to increase production and export of handicrafts from the entire country including Karnataka by way of implementation of different schemes for promotion & development of handicrafts during the last three years. The schemes include: training for skill upgradation; marketing; marketing development support; identification of important of craft cluster and their sustainable development; design and technology upgradation; setting up of Craft Development Centre and Common Facility Centres; construction of workshed and worksheds-cum-housing; sponsoring of sales-cum-study teams abroad; organisation of buyer-seller`s meet; overseas publicity; organisation of export promotion marketing programmes/ packaging programmes; publication of international level catalogues; larger participation of exporters from Karnataka in Indian Handicrafts & Gifts Fair (spring & Autumn) annually at New Delhi and product specific website etc.
No state-wise data on production and export of handicrafts is maintained in the handicrafts sector. However with the implementation of above programmes/schemes, it is understood that the production and export of handicrafts have increased considerably from the State of Karnataka. It can be gauged from the fact that number of exporters from Karnataka registered with Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), New Delhi and their export turnover hasincreased considerably during the last three years. The details are as under:-

Year4	Nos. of Exporters Registered with EPCH	Export turnover
1998-99	64	36.00 crores
1999-2000	97	38.00 crores
2000-2001	142	43.00 crores